

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 425
By Finney

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Jonathan Edward Ball,
2005 Valedictorian of Sevier County High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Edward Ball is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2005 graduating class at Sevier County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Jonathan has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Ball has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; in the top ten percent of his class, he has won All "A" Honors Awards for three years, and has won individual academic awards, as well as athletic awards; he was his school's representative to American Legion Boys State, where he was elected State Treasurer, and he was nominated for a Wendy's High School Heisman Award; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan exhibited his athletic prowess as co-captain of the indoor soccer team in his sophomore and junior years and has served as captain of the club soccer team in his senior year; he has also manifested his leadership qualities as detailing manager for Superior Automotive, as the Junior Classic League Club historian, as one of two Sevier County High School representatives on the Keep Sevier Beautiful Teen Advisory Board, as a recruiter for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, as senior class representative to the Student Council, and as vice president of his school's chapter of the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ball has engaged in a plethora of civic and community service activities, including service with Sevier County Food Ministries and the Toys for Tots program, mulching a

path at Sevier County Middle School, cleaning up garbage along the Little Pigeon, building bleachers for the Sevier County Soccer Complex, and helping second grade students; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; he plans to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration at Maryville College with the long-term goal of one day taking over his family's business, Superior Automotive; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ball's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Kyle and Libby Ball, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Ball's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2005 Sevier County High School Valedictorian, Jonathan Edward Ball, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.